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**STATEMENT OF E-SUBMISSION**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION**

This Amendment and Response to *Ex Parte Quayle* Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the Office action, dated March 27, 2006 ("Office Action"). A two-month period for response was set by the Office Action; thus, a timely reply is made on or before Monday, May 29, 2006. It is believed that no fees are required to file this Amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Please amend the specification as set forth on page 2.

Remarks are on page 3 of this Amendment.